

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Coleman *et al.*  
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**SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Dear Examiner Sznaidman:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 6, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that is filed herewith. The shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 6, 2009. Upon acceptance of a request for a 1-month extension of time and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a), the period for response is extended to May 6, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: